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| 1. Statement | | |
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| Novelty (N) | Claims 1-22 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims 5-22 | YES |
| | Claims 1-4 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1-22 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |

2. Citations and explanations:

Reference is made to the following documents:

D: EP 1,130,927 A2 (MEDIA GLUE CORPORATION) 05 September 2001

1. Novelty and Inventive Step

The subject matter of claims 1-22 of the present invention discloses a method and apparatus for transcoding digital audio/video streams, where video data is transcoded and then the transcoded video data is synchronized with the audio data.

D an apparatus for transcoding a coded multiplexed sound and moving picture sequence comprising a rate converter, which is operated to compress only the video bit streams.

The subject matter of the present invention (Claims 1-4) and that of the prior art document D are considered to be similar in that both relate to a method of transcoding AV data and do not compress audio data. The difference between said claims and said document lies in the specific method of transcoding video data, which does not involve any technical difficulties to a person skilled in the art. Accordingly, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to derive the invention of claims 1-4 from the prior art D.

Therefore, the subject matter of the Claims 1-4 is considered to be novel, but it does not have an inventive step(Article 33(2)-(3) PCT).

2. Industrial Applicability

Claims 1-22 of the present invention meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4) because they are directed to a method and apparatus for transcoding digital audio/video streams. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-22 is considered to be industrially applicable.